

ABSTRACT

Title: COMPONENT FOR A COMPUTER

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10 A component, such as a motherboard or storage device, for a computer, the component comprising a firmware element operable to perform a security check to verify that the computer is connected to an authorised network, the security check comprising the steps of: generating a network enquiry, transmitting the network enquiry to a network device via a network, and permitting operation of at least a subsystem of the computer if a response to the network enquiry is received from the network device confirming that the network is an authorised network.